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Sir:

This amendment is being filed in conjunction with a concurrently filed request for continued examination (RCE). In response to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification. There are no changes to the specification in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are indicated by the notation "currently amended" in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings. There are no amendments to the drawings in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.